

are of high quality and are comparable to the products of world class remote sensing satellites. IRS-1B is intended to replace its predecessor IRS-1A, launched on March 17, 1988. IRS-1A continues to be operational even after three years of its designed life and is expected to provide its services for one more year which is a significant achievement. Using the imageries provided by IRS-1A satellite, a large number of remote sensing applications have been operationalised as part of the National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS). The Indian National Satellite (INSAT-1) System has been providing vital services in the areas of domestic communication, TV Broadcasting, Radio Networking, Meteorological imaging, and disaster warning.

Over the years ISRO has developed indigenous capability to design and fabricate sounding rockets for scientific and technological experiments; satellite launch vehicles to launch artificial earth satellites. ISRO has now acquired the capabilities to design and fabricate highly sophisticated, state of the art satellites for applications in communications, meteorology, TV broadcast, Management of natural resources and disaster warning which are of immediate relevance to the national development. In addition, capabilities have also been developed for various ground systems, satellite and rocket operation, and utilisation of space technology for a variety of applications of national relevance. The Indian Space Programme is thus playing a significant role in achieving overall development of the nation in a cost effective and speedy manner with emphasis on self reliance.

(d) and (e) Government has been recognising the scientists for outstanding achievements in the field of space research and this approach will continue.

[Translation]

Assistance to ongoing Projects of Haryana

2150. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana have sought additional assistance for completing ongoing development projects during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As allocation of Central assistance is based on formula approved by the National Development Council, from time to time, Haryana's Central assistance has also been allocated on the basis of the formula.

[English]

Residential Plots to Villagers

2151. SHRIRAJNATH SONKARSHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has taken any decision to provide residential plots to the bonafide residents of the villages in the extended 'abadi area',

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for arriving at such a decision;

(c) the details of the villagers in Delhi affected by the above said decision?